

Greenway Work Group. Communities around the country need more people like Mr. Nelson that take pride in where they live and devote their time to better it.

He has also been involved in local politics and helping fellow veterans. He has been an At-Large member of the Camden City Democratic Committee and is the Camden Mayor's representative for the Battleship New Jersey Board of Trustees. He has been active in the VFW as the former Commander of Clarence Hill VFW Post Number 1297—Camden and the current Sr. Vice Commander of Lawnside Post 2003. In his time with the VFW, he has achieved the distinguished honor of being named All-State Post Commander.

Delbert and his wife, Doris, have been married for 66 years and have been blessed with 4 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also a father figure to many of his nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, Delbert Nelson is a great American whose dedication to serving his country and community is an inspiration. I join with his family, friends, and all of New Jersey in honoring the selfless service of this exceptional man.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTONIO
THOMAS JAMES RUGGIERO

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sincere recognition of Antonio Thomas James Ruggiero, a decorated veteran of World War II and a personal friend of mine who passed away on April 14, 2016.

Tommy, as he was known to his family and friends, was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts on August 25, 1920 to Vincent and Lucia Ruggiero. After graduating from Plymouth High School, Tommy enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 2nd Ranger Battalion's D Company during the Invasion of Normandy in June of 1944. On D-Day, his landing craft was hit by enemy fire, leaving him one of the 90 surviving Rangers stranded in the freezing Atlantic for hours before joining the fight. Later in the war, Tommy also fought in the fierce Battle of Hurtgen Forest and the famed Battle of the Bulge. The Battle of Hurtgen Forest in 1944 was the longest and one of the fiercest battles fought on German soil during World War II. His company was integral in securing the strategic Hill 400 during this battle. For his outstanding military service, Tommy earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart as well as the highest honor from the French Government, the Croix de Guerre and French Medal of Merit.

His exemplary service did not end there, however, in 1947, he joined the Plymouth Fire Department, rising to rank of Captain before retiring in 1975. In addition, he was an active member of the veterans' community in Massachusetts, participating in local, state and even national events with Presidents and First Ladies to highlight and celebrate the efforts of the men and women who served in uniform. Tommy also worked closely with my office over the years to secure unit citations for the extraordinary efforts of D and F Companies of 2nd Ranger Battalion during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest.

Tommy's perseverance and integrity served as an inspiration for all who knew him and he was an outstanding role model for the community. He leaves behind his wife, Mary, of 68 years as well as a loving daughter, sister, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews, and will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Antonio Thomas James Ruggiero and his distinguished service for our country. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the life of a dedicated and honorable public servant.

HONORING UNITED STATES AIR
FORCE COLONEL DOUGLAS J.
SCHWARTZ'S DISTINGUISHED
MILITARY CAREER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize United States Air Force Colonel Douglas J. Schwartz and honor him for a decorated career serving our nation.

Col. Schwartz began his 34-year career in the United States Air Force after receiving his commission through Officer Training School at Purdue University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in management in 1981. Since then, he has gone on to accumulate more than 4,200 flight hours as a command pilot and receive numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters as well as the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

During his distinguished career, Col. Schwartz has been stationed throughout the country, operating in large part at Grissom Air Reserve Base (ARE) in Miami County, Indiana. At Grissom ARB, Col. Schwartz has commanded the 434th Air Refueling Wing, the largest KC-135 Stratotanker unit in the Air Force Reserve Command. Within this role, Col. Schwartz has directed the efforts of nearly 1,900 military, civilian, and contractor personnel as they work to advance the mission of the United States Air Force. In addition, he has also commanded such aircraft as the B-52 and the C-40.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have seen the impact of Col. Schwartz's work and his commitment to excellence. His passion for serving the greater good is truly remarkable and deserves the praise of many.

From my time working with him, I know Col. Schwartz epitomizes the ideal of servant leadership. Not only that, but he has invested substantially in the Grissom community and has spent his entire career working for the betterment of our country. On behalf of Hoosiers in the Second Congressional District, it is my honor to thank him for his service and sacrifice for our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent passing of my mother I was unable to

cast my vote today for an important piece of legislation. Had I been in the chamber, I would have voted YES on the House amendment to S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016. This legislation will help to strengthen a variety of different treatment and prevention programs to combat heroin and opioid addiction.

DR. JULIA M. McNAMARA, PRESIDENT OF ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to join the Albertus Magnus College community as they pay tribute to the woman who has led this outstanding institution for the last thirty-four years, Dr. Julia M. McNamara. Over the course of her tenure, she has guided Albertus Magnus through a myriad of transitions which have expanded the college in countless ways. Her vision, dedication, and seemingly endless energy have ensured that Albertus Magnus has continually met the changing needs of its students and faculty.

To say that Julia has left an indelible mark on this institution would be an understatement. For perspective, just last year Albertus celebrated its 90th Anniversary which means that for more than one third of its existence, Julia has been at its helm. Shortly after she was appointed President, Albertus Magnus became coeducational after sixty years as a women's college and in that same year, an innovative and highly successful Accelerated Degree Program for adult students was established. Julia oversaw the completion of a \$6 million capital campaign, the largest in the school's history, as well as the construction of state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor athletic facilities that has allowed the College to join the NCAA-Division III. Ensuring that all of their student's needs were being met, Julia was also instrumental in the College becoming a participant in the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Yellow Ribbon Program, where Albertus works closely with veterans to help them succeed in accelerated programs.

Under Julia's direction Albertus expanded opportunities for its students with the establishment of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, the first post-graduate degree in the College's history, and New Dimensions, a degree completion program for adult professionals, was begun in 1994. Today, the College also offers a Master of Science in Management degree, Master of Arts in Art Therapy—the only one in Connecticut—Master of Business Administration, a Master of Arts in Leadership, Master of Science in Education, Master of Fine Arts in Writing and Master of Science in Human Services, Master of Science in Accounting and the Master of Science in Criminal Justice.

Julia's contributions to our community extend far beyond her work at Albertus Magnus. She is a past Chair of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Board of Trustees and currently serves as Vice Chair. She has also served on the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, the United